

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. ____

Whereas, it is with special pleasure that the members of the Missouri Senate pause to recognize an outstanding Missouri citizen who has distinguished herself through many years of excellence in the workplace; and

Whereas, Martha Balman, an esteemed resident of Richmond, Missouri, officially retired from the Richmond R-XVI School District on May 22, 2007, after thirty-three years of exceptional service and dedication to the teaching profession; and

Whereas, Martha Balman played an integral role in the educational development of several Missouri youngsters throughout her impressive tenure as a fifth grade teacher, prior to which time she served the District as a third grade, sixth grade, and substitute teacher; and

Whereas, prior to joining the Richmond-XVI School District, Martha Balman gained an immeasurable amount of experience as a teacher in Columbia for one year and Hardin for three years; and

Whereas, Martha Balman is exceedingly proud of her affiliation with such important organizations as the MNEA, RCTA, Community Theater, and the Richmond United Methodist Church; and

Whereas, a proud recipient of the Wal-Mart Teacher of the Year award, Martha Balman has been abundantly blessed with the love and admiration of a wonderful family whose members include her devoted husband, Everett; and her two children, William and Amanda:

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that we, the members of the Missouri Senate, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join in expressing our utmost appreciation to Martha Balman for her thirty-three years of unparalleled service to the Richmond-XVI School District and to the education profession; and

Be It Further Resolved that the Secretary of the Senate be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Martha Balman.